

# New England Organ Bank

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Senator Jonathan A. Harris  
Representative Elizabeth B. Ritter  
Co-Chairs  
Public Health Committee  
Room 3000  
Legislative Office Building  
Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Senator Harris and Representative Ritter,

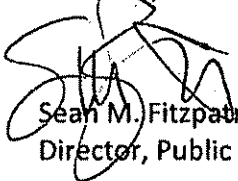
New England Organ Bank supports Section 65 of Raised Bill 428 - An Act Concerning Revisions To The Public Health Related Statutes – that would provide a new and innovative way for residents of Connecticut to register as donors through the state tax return forms.

A recent poll conducted by the Gallup organization suggests that 78% of the US population is "likely or very likely to have their organs donated," however, currently only 35% of the licensed drivers in Connecticut have registered as donors. There is, therefore, a clear need to offer both additional pathways for registering as donors and greater awareness about how to register. We believe that the ability to register through the tax form process would be of great benefit to the over 4,000 patients in New England awaiting a life-saving transplant.

New England Organ Bank would be pleased to work with the Department of Revenue Services to make this registration information available to the local organ procurement organizations in a manner similar to the system we have already established with the Department of Motor Vehicles.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



Sean M. Fitzpatrick  
Director, Public Affairs



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